



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Saluda River Academy for the Arts
Lexington 2
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 368
Principal: Tonya Fryer
Superintendent: Dr. Venus Holland
Board Chair: Beth Branham

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A

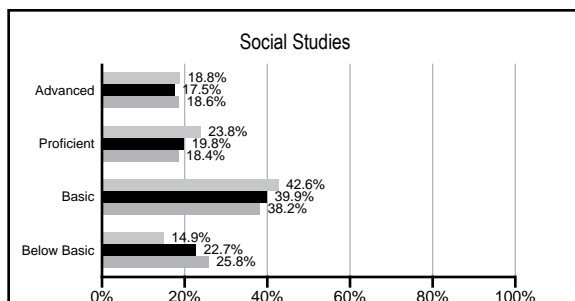
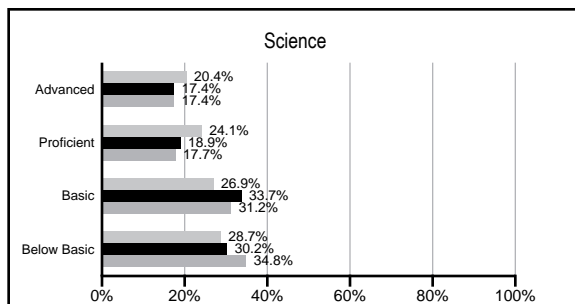
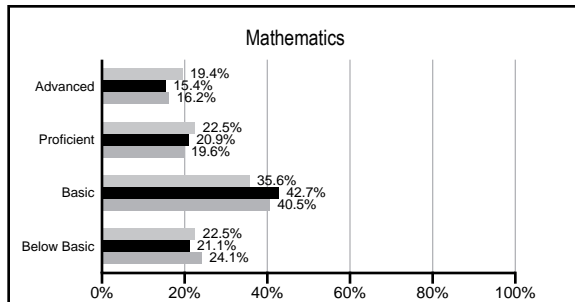
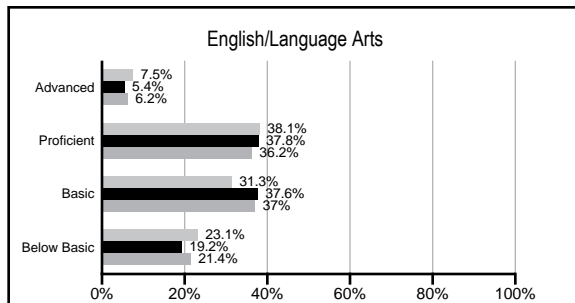
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	66	15	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

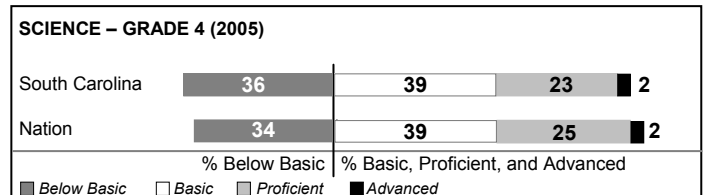
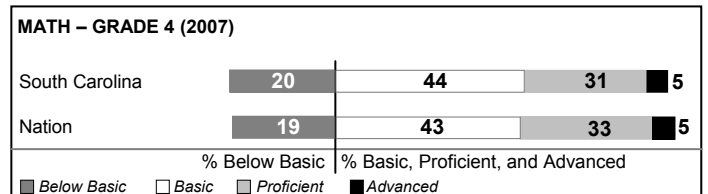
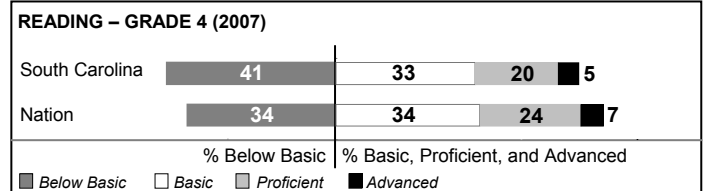
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Saluda River Academy for the Arts [Lexington 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=368)				
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.2%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.4%	Up from 19.7%	12.1%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.8%	Down from 5.4%	8.3%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Up from 60.0%	56.6%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	93.3%	Up from 83.3%	79.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.1%	Up from 80.9%	87.7%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 95.9%	95.3%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,013	Up 4.2%	\$45,384	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 0.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	No Change	18.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.6%	Down from 90.8%	90.1%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,177	Down 0.4%	\$6,630	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	70.0%	Up from 69.8%	69.0%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	65.9%	Down from 66.3%	65.3%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	50	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.1%	75.0%	88.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.2%	74.0%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.6%	76.0%	84.8%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Saluda River Academy for the Arts (SRAA), built in 1954, is a suburban, community school that serves 380 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are blessed with a very diverse population and embrace the differences within the SRAA family. We enjoy strong support from our SIC, PTO, and community. Family events to promote family involvement for dads, moms, and grandparents are held. Our school community works towards our vision of “Growing and Advancing Every Student” through the use of data, high expectations, and an integrated philosophy. We continue to be a Nationally Distinguished Title One School and have been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for the last thirty-six years.

Saluda River is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) site. Our unique Arts program is integrated into the curriculum and is a channel for improving our students’ achievement, confidence, and communication. Additionally, our programs expose students to the various facets of the Arts, while teaching discipline, expression, cooperation, and character. We endeavor to develop in children an understanding of the importance of giving back to the community. To that regard, our community service projects include collecting mittens for those in need, recycling to promote environmental responsibility, and collecting food items for local organizations. Also, our children perform for various events, such as Champions of the Environment, DHEC’s Bureau of Water, and the West-Metro Chamber of Commerce.

During the 2007—2008 school year, we were one of four schools in Lexington School District Two to meet Adequate Yearly Progress. The West-Metro Chamber of Commerce recognized one of our third-grade teachers as Teacher of the Month and one of our fifth graders was recognized as Student of the Month. Two of our teachers received grants from the South Carolina International Reading Association. The Saluda River Singers filmed a segment for the television show, The Story Behind the Songs, produced by ETV and the S.C. Department of Education. We were the only elementary school to participate in the filming. To assist us with our Arts focus, we received a \$7,034 ABC grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Four artists-in-residence provided instruction for our students in the areas of mime, dance, rhythm composition, and clay art. Our children also enjoyed visits from published authors Caroline Coleman Bennett and Floyd Cooper. We placed second in the Fifth Annual Willy Wonka Candy Sculpture Contest, sponsored by EdVenture Children’s Museum. We offered after-school Arts classes, such as piano, art, karate, jazz, and cooking. Other extra-curricular activities included Once Upon a Puppet Troupe, Bubblin’ Bobcat Chorus, Saluda River Singers, Art Majors Club, and Arts Unlimited.

Saluda River Academy for the Arts, united with our community, remains committed to “Growing and Advancing Every Student.” As a team, we endeavor to touch the minds and hearts of all learners because we care.

Tonya Fryer, Principal
Gary Prince, SIC Chair

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